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1. On 3 September 1954, many individual trucks and small truck columns carrying construction material and coal left the Lossa summer camp toward Rossleben. Motor vehicles

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were seen. A column of 6 trucks with ammunition was seen near the Laucha railroad station. The column came from the direction of Naumburg and went toward Bibra.

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2. Between 7 and 13 September, the following observations were made in Naumburg:

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The former Oberlandesgericht  the Hindenburg Kaserne  and the Hubertus Kaserne  were occupied by only guard details. The engineer unit previously stationed in the Hubertus Kaserne had departed. The Barbara Kaserne  was occupied to capacity by a signal unit and the Lusttich Kaserne  was occupied by 300 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets.<sup>2</sup> Motor vehicles

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barracks installations on Flemminger Weg. All motor vehicles had a new camouflage painting and the tailboards of about 90 percent of the vehicles were marked by a white ball, 30 cm in diameter.

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3. The heavy AAA battery which was emplaced in the ordnance depot on Kroppentalstrasse returned to Bismarck Kaserne during the night on 9 September. The 6 x 85-mm guns of the battery and 15 trucks were seen in the barracks area and the equipment of the battery was being serviced.<sup>3</sup> The new AA guns were stored in the inner yard of the installation. The guns had a caliber other than 37 mm and their barrels were fitted with a jacket. The Bismarck Kaserne has been occupied to capacity recently. <sup>4</sup>

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4. Between 22 August and 4 September, combined-arms exercises were conducted in the Forst Zeitz-Ossig-Schellbach area. [redacted] units from Altenburg, Gera, Leipzig, Weissenfels and Zeitz participated. Foxholes were seen everywhere in the exercise area. Between 5 and 11 September, a tent camp with approximately 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epauletts with artillery and motor transport insignia was located in Jagen south of Freitenbach. On 9 and 10 September, motor vehicles [redacted] and YA-12 prime movers [redacted] were seen during the departure of the troops toward Ossig. 5
5. On 17 September, the Reuss Kaserne [redacted] in Gera was still occupied by approximately 2,500 artillery soldiers wearing red-bordered black epauletts. Trucks with personnel left the installation for the Untermhaus training area. Firing with machine guns and small arms with smoke screening was practiced there. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen. On 17 September, machine guns and rifles fired in the Zeitz Forest.
6. On 16 September, a shipment of 24 x 76-mm AA guns, 30 trucks [redacted] and 16 boxcarloads of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epauletts were entrained in Justerbog and left toward Wittenberg. On 24 September, a shipment of 8 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epauletts, 16 x 76-mm AA guns and 42 trucks [redacted] left in the same direction. 6
1. Comment. [redacted] major elements of the 21st Gds Mech Div were still stationed in the Lossa training area. [redacted] it is assumed that the 655th How Arty Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div fired in Lossa.
2. Comment. Major elements of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were stationed at the training grounds until mid-September. The Hq XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps was presumably stationed at Lossa or Kindel at [redacted]
3. Comment. The evacuation of the AAA emplacement indicates that preparations for fall maneuvers were under way.
4. [redacted]
5. Comment. [redacted] the 308th Arty Brig and the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div participated in the exercises. Other information tends to indicate that the 17th Gds Hvy Tank SF Regt from Weissenfels also participated. [redacted]
6. [redacted] dispatched, one to Ohrdruf and the other to Eisenach and two shipments of equipment, one to Eisenach and the other to Weissenfels from Justerbog. [redacted] It is therefore concluded that AAA units of the Eighth Gds Army fired in Justerbog.

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